



# PAU, a fully depleted mosaic imager with narrow band filters

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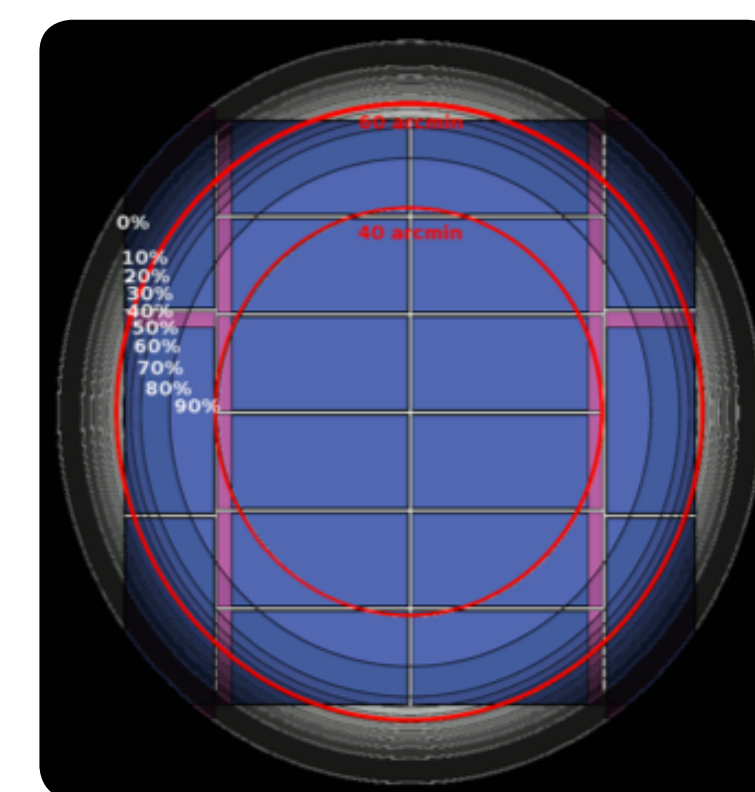
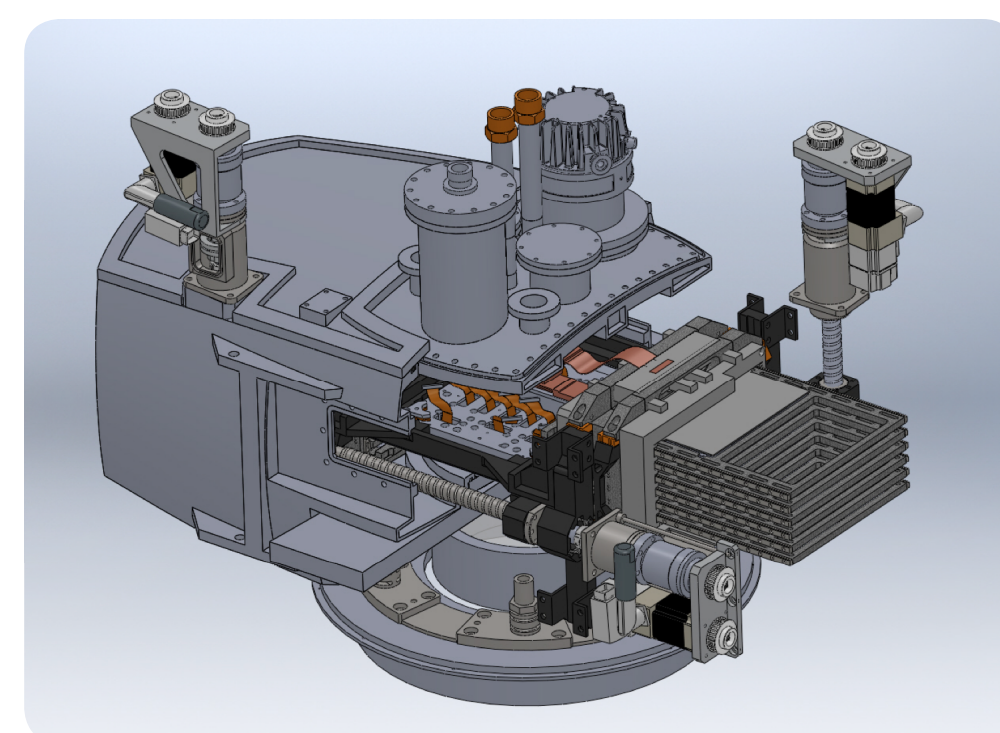
## the Camera

PAUCam is a new camera to be installed at the prime focus of the WHT in La Palma. The instrument covers the entire 1-degree FoV of the 4.2-meter telescope with 18 2k x 4k Hamamatsu CCDs, with a 0.26"/pixel plate scale, with 15µm pixels.

A set of 40 narrow-band filters and the 6 standard ugrizY broadband filters will be mounted in the camera covering the entire wavelength range from 0.3 to 1 µm.

**PAUCam's innovative filter changing mechanism**, operating inside the cryostat. Fourteen filter trays (7 each side) holding 18 filters each are stored in an elevator-like structure, and slide in and out of the focal plane.

**The focal plane of PAUCam**, The survey footprint uses the 8 central, unvignetted CCDs.



## PAUCam's HPK Fully Depleted CCD Detectors Characterization

The CCD detectors used to build PAUCam are manufactured by Hamamatsu Photonics K. K. with the reference S10892-04(X). The active size is composed by 2K x 4K square pixels of 15 µm. The device is n-type and uses four outputs.

The focal plane is composed by a mosaic of 18 CCDs. All CCDs can be used as science sensors, but, alternatively, two of them can be used to guide the telescope for large exposure times.



30 minute **dark exposure**, with cosmic rays.

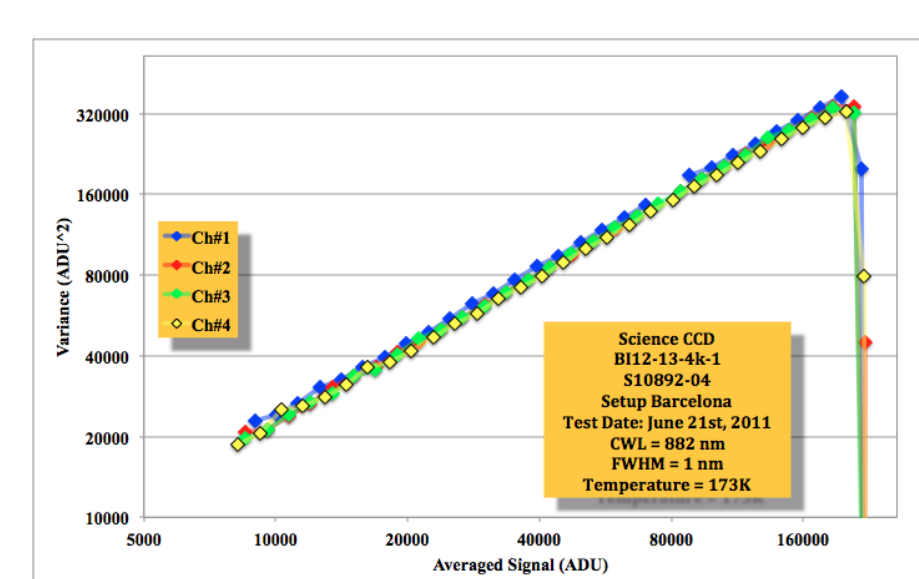
Combining these images, to remove the cosmic ray events, we can evaluate a good value of the dark current.

## Laboratory Illumination image (high contrast)

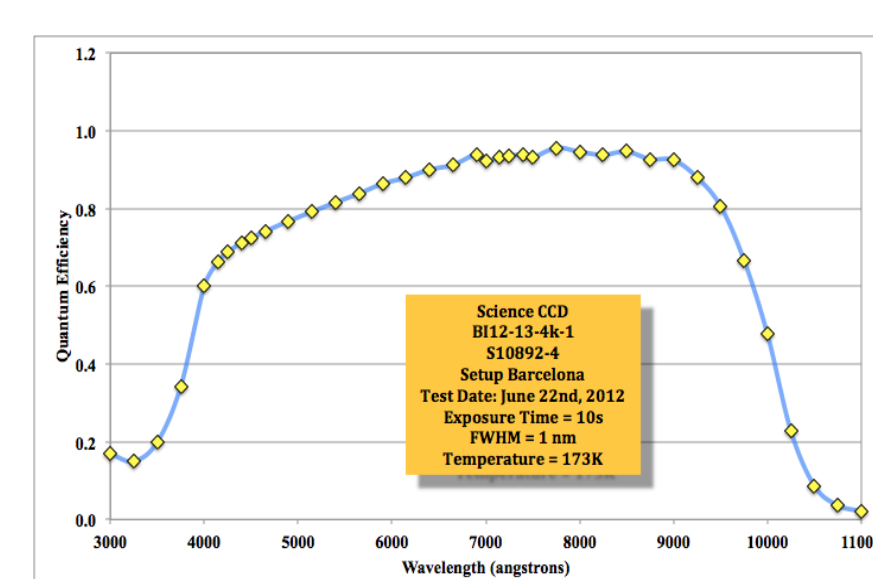
In the top and bottom borders chained half moons are visible, due to the assembly manipulation.

The fainter, larger circles are due to dust in the cryostat window.

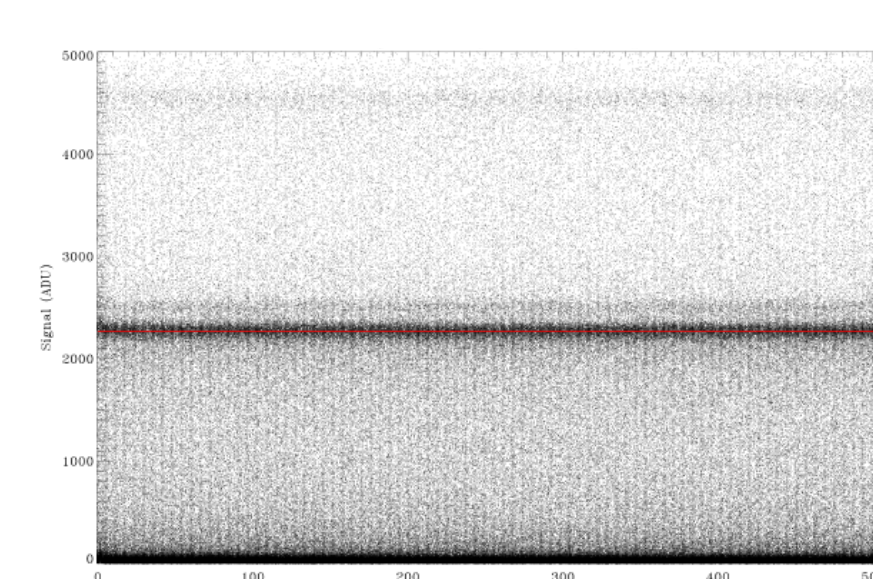
The illumination pattern shows an axial symmetry due to the not-flat illumination given by the integrated sphere.



Photon Transfer Curve



Quantum Efficiency



X-Ray Horizontal Transfer (CTE)

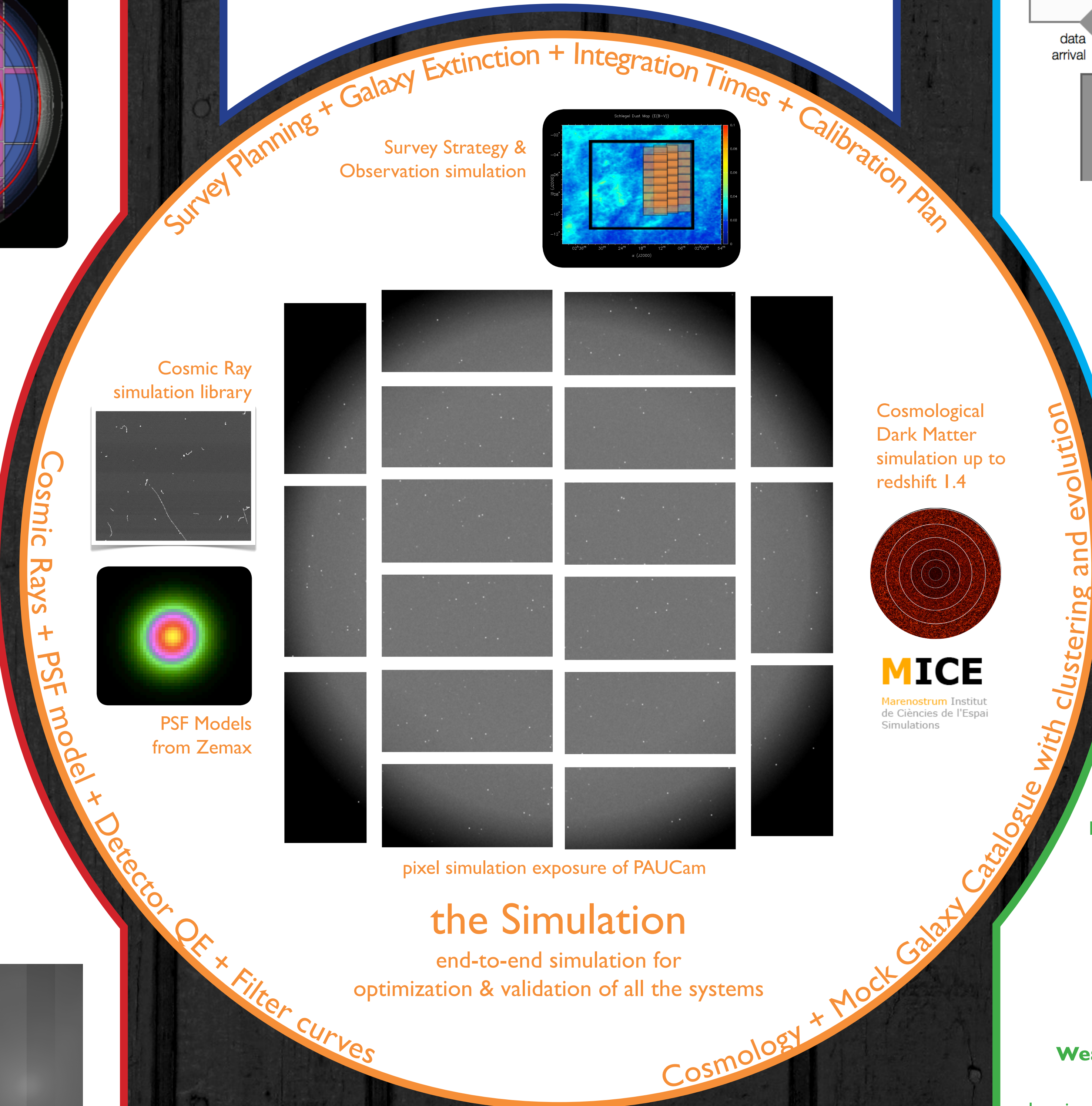
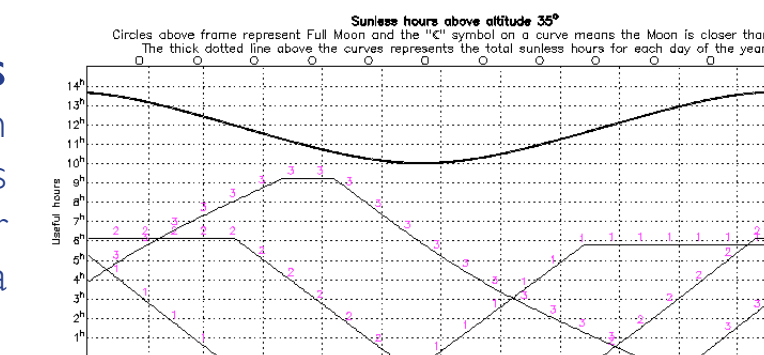
Flat-Field Image

## the Survey

The PAU Survey studies the existence and properties of **dark energy** from the observations of  $\sim 10^7$  galaxies in 200 deg<sup>2</sup> of extragalactic sky area up to redshift 1.

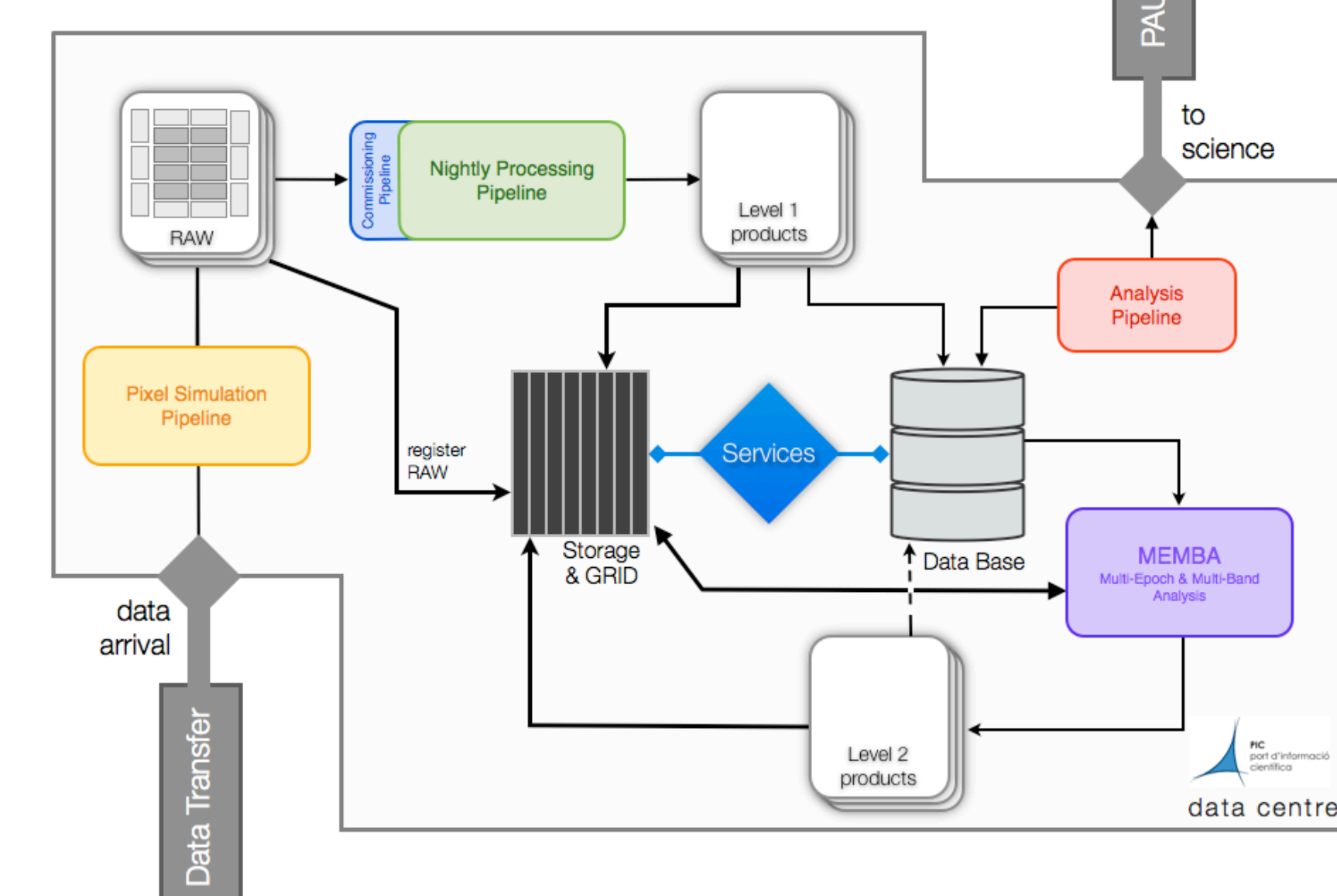
The 40 narrowband filter set will allow precision redshift measurements of  $\sigma \sim 0.0035 \times (1+z)$  for galaxies with  $iAB < 22.5$ , and  $\sigma \sim 0.035 \times (1+z)$  for galaxies with  $22.5 < iAB < 24.0$ .

Field location considerations  
low dust extinction  
minimize field isolation & airmass  
right ascension distribution over the year  
overlap with precise external data



## the Data Management

Transferring, processing, calibrating, archiving and distributing 350GB of raw data per night.



The data management system is integrated at the **PIC data centre** with GRID technology.

A PostgreSQL database orchestrates  $\sim 1$ PB of data and  $\sim 10^7$  detections.

Job submission over in the 4000-core cluster system.

Continuous quality control system provides alerts on any stage of the processing system.

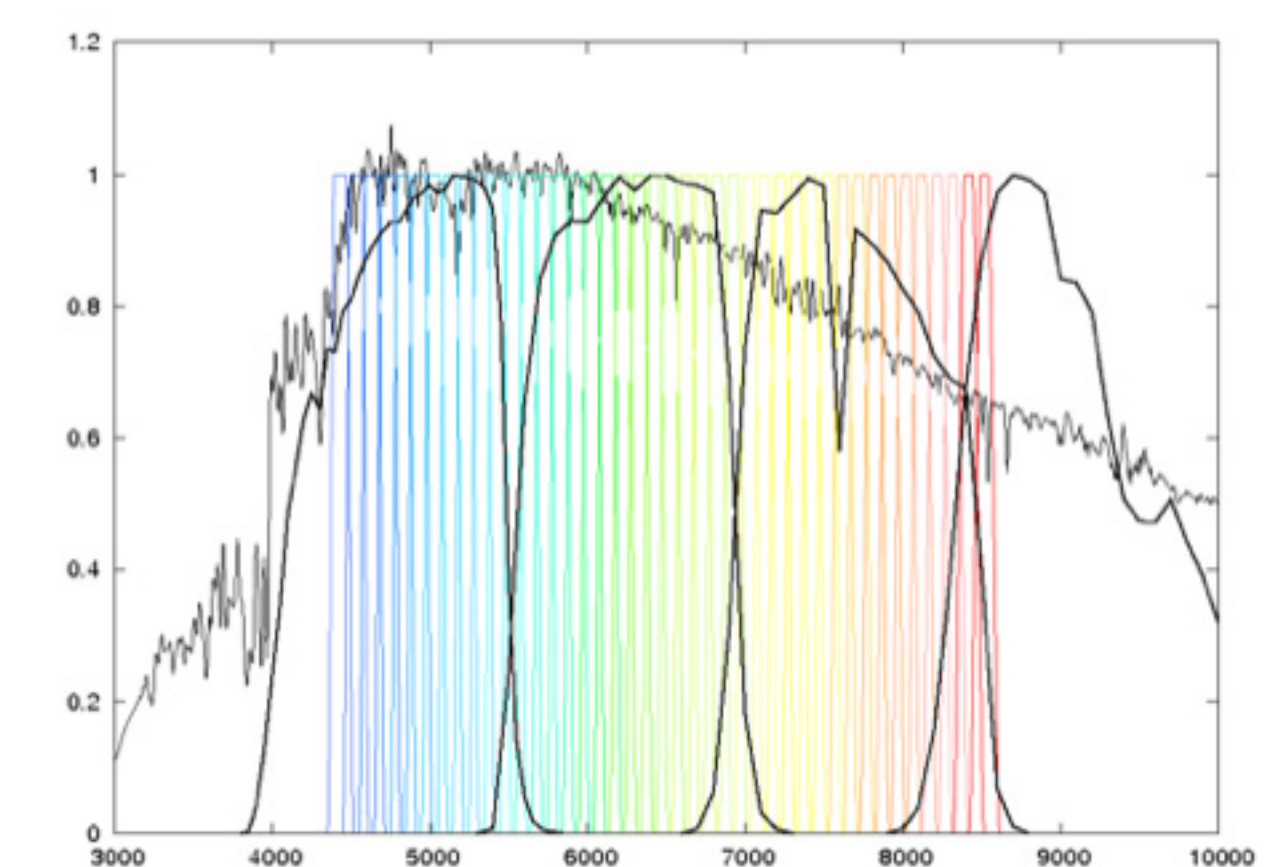
Web portal for performance and quality monitoring and distribution of data.

## Photometric Calibration

**Nightly strategy I:**  
use the broad band calibration to determine the extinction of all chips in the focal plane

**Nightly strategy II:**  
determine best fit SED template to extrapolate the standard catalog to all PAU filters

**Global Übercalibration:**  
find ZPs that minimize the photometric offset between observations over the same area

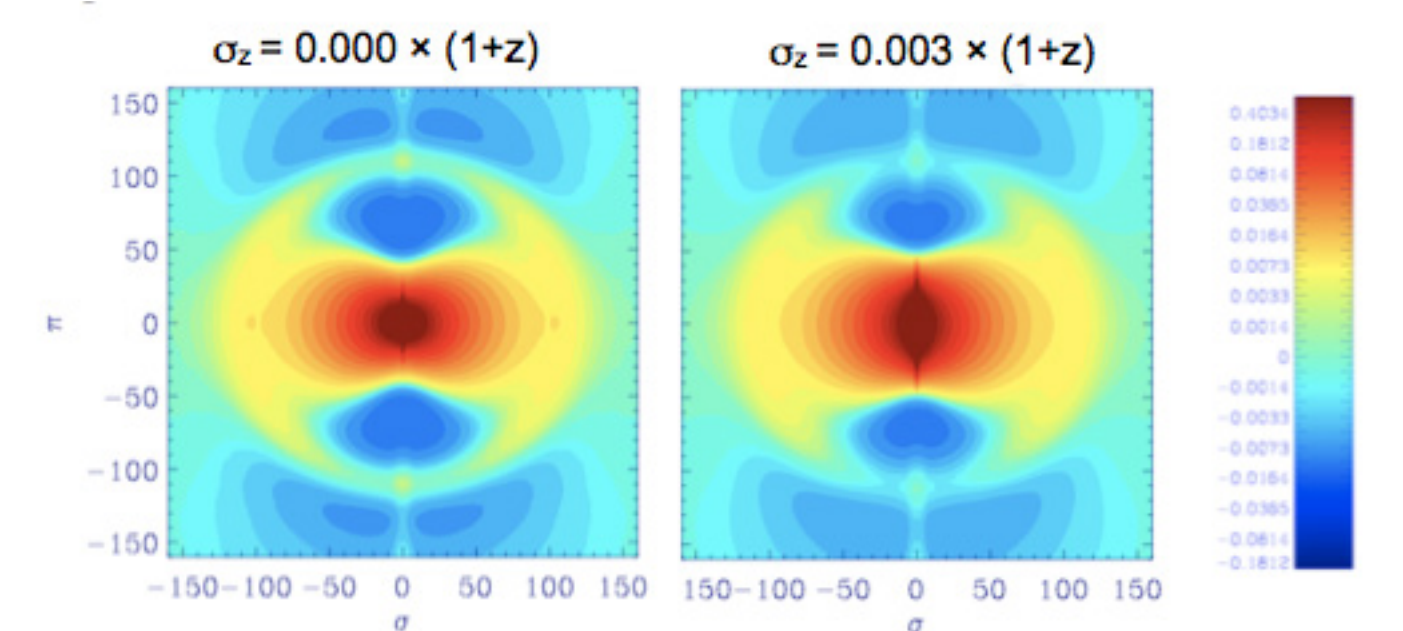


## the Science

### Two Complementary Probes of Dark Energy

#### Redshift Space Distortions (RSD):

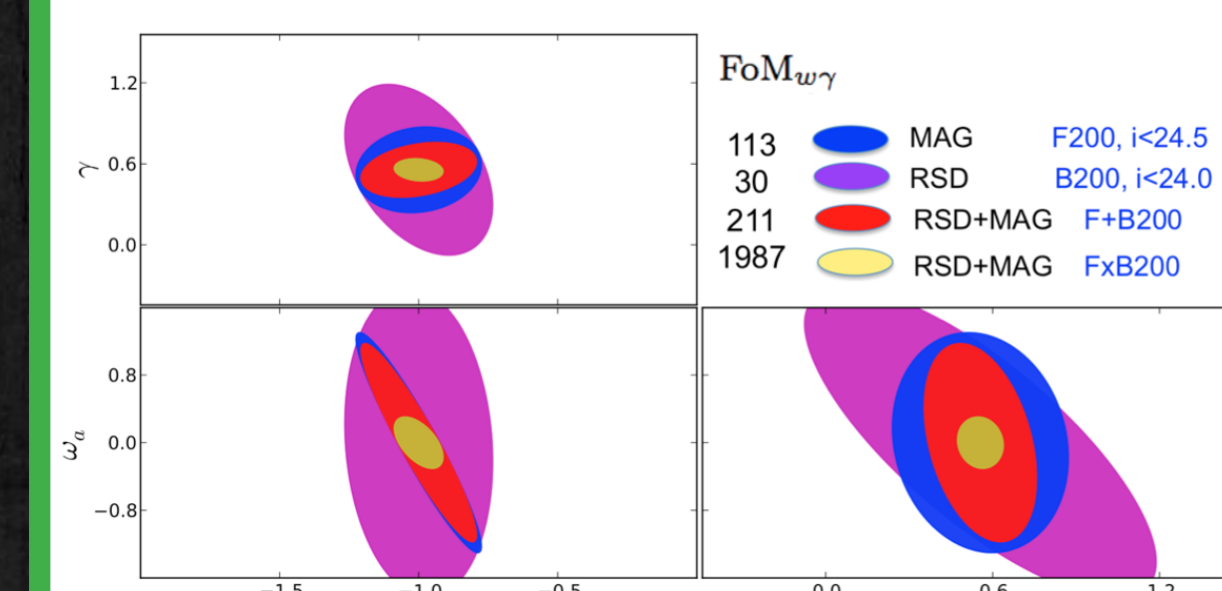
Typical of spectroscopic surveys  
PAUCam radial accuracy is enough to measure the velocity divergence and therefore growth of structure.



#### Weak Lensing Magnification (MAG):

Typical of imaging surveys  
Lensing magnifies fluxes and alters the area observed, changing the number and fluxes of observed objects.

Very precise photo-zs allow PAU to perform cross-correlations between well-defined narrow redshift bins and precisely measure magnification.



### the Science Pipeline

